

Application No. 10/564,269  
Response dated December 22, 2006  
In Response to July 25, 2006 Notification of Missing Requirements  
Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office

### **REMARKS**

The Notice states that applicants must provide an executed oath or declaration. Accordingly, applicants submit herewith a Declaration and Power of Attorney form signed by the inventors.

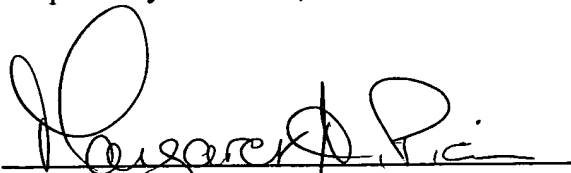
Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the time for response to the Notice for three months, up to and including December 25, 2006, and have authorized payment of the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §§1.36(a) and 1.17(a)(3). Thus, this Response is timely filed.

Applicants believe that no additional fee is required in connection with this Response. Nevertheless, in the accompanying Transmittal Form, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075, Order No. 003747-0059.

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Applicants request consideration of the application and early allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would help resolve any issues, he/she is invited to telephone the undersigned at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margaret A. Pierri', is written over a horizontal line.

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